

EXPOSITION TO SHOW ADVANCE

Outline of Plan and Scope For
Big Celebration.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

Personnel of Commission Appointed
by Governor William Sulzer Be-
speaks Success For Coming Exhibi-
tion of Race Progress to Be Held in
New York in October.

New York.—The commission appointed by Governor Sulzer of New York in accordance with the provisions of a law recently enacted in that state to provide for a fitting celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation is particularly fortunate in the quality of its personnel. The nine members of the commission have been drawn from among the most influential and representative colored men of the state, a fact which is particularly



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interesting as showing the white man's growing belief in the colored man's executive ability and capacity for organization.

The chairman of the commission is Robert N. Wood, the recognized leader of the United Colored Democracy, whose influence with the present administration and legislature was in no small measure responsible for the successful issue of this and that other effort to secure equal opportunities for the colored man's social uplift in New York—the bill creating a colored regiment of militia.

Mr. Wood is ably seconded by James D. Carr, assistant corporation counsel of the city of New York and a man whose scholarly attainments render him conspicuous among the leading men of the race. Dr. John R. Hillery of New York is the treasurer. Rev. W. A. Byrd of Rochester, N. Y., has been an important factor in the life of the city made famous for colored people as the home of Frederick Douglass and the location of a statue in his honored memory.

The other members of the commission are Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of the Crisis; James H. Anderson of the Amsterdam News; J. Henry Taylor of the New York Pilot; Sumner H. Lark, editor of the Brooklyn Eye; Rev. George Sims, one of the most efficient and practical religious leaders in New York city, and John B. Clayton, a business man of Brooklyn. These men have set their shoulders to a wheel that goes uphill, but they have the push that will bring them out on top, with only a small appropriation of \$25,000 and three months in which to organize an exposition "to show the industrial, educational and religious progress of the colored people since the emancipation proclamation."

The scope of the exposition is not limited to New York, but will cover the progress of the race generally. For this reason persons in other states will be invited to take part. The commission seeks to make this exposition distinctively and impressively educational. There will be as little as possible of the country fair type of exposition. The commission rather stresses the conferences and congresses on the religious, economic and other important aspects of the problem of the advance of the race.

A special feature of the exposition will be the series of pageants illustrating historically the progress of the Negro from the remotest times, his migration to the new world, and so on down to and since his emancipation from slavery. In addition to this, special departments of art, literature, inventions, etc., will be placed in charge of competent persons well informed in their respective branches.

The commission is to prepare a roll of honor of 200 men, selected by their fellows as being really representative leaders of the race. The exposition will cover the last ten days of October, and three of these will be called respectively governor's day, Douglass day and Lincoln day.

Brooklyn Y. W. C. A.'s Good Work.
The Lexington avenue branch of the Young Women's Christian association has added 133 new members to its roll since the first week in May. The prize for bringing in the largest number by an individual was awarded to Mrs. Richard I. Jackson. Mrs. Alice W. Bery is chairman of the membership committee.

FINE RECORD OF H. W. BASS.

Brief Review of His Work in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

By WHITTIER H. WRIGHT.

Philadelphia.—The 1913 term of the Pennsylvania legislature will go down in history as one of special achievements in many ways so far as Afro-Americans are concerned. In this connection it is quite pleasing to note the unselfish services of the Hon. Harry W. Bass, the only representative of the colored race in that legislative body.

There was some criticism of Mr. Bass' inactivity during the first session of the legislature, and it was said that he had not done as much as was expected of him. From the results of this session it can be easily said that the inactivity of our representative was possibly due more to modesty, which is a very probable thing in a representative serving his first term, than to his inability or his lack of interest.

Still, during that first session Mr. Bass secured the appropriation of \$20,000 for the celebration of the emancipation proclamation. If he had done nothing more than to secure this appropriation it would have entitled him to the lasting gratitude of his race.

The lead which Pennsylvania took at the instance of Mr. Bass has not only awakened Pennsylvania, but has gone still further, for New Jersey followed with an appropriation of \$20,000 for the celebration of the progress of the race in that state, and recently New York has made an appropriation of \$25,000 for a similar celebration.

So excellent was the showing made by the commission in Pennsylvania that the recent legislature has made an appropriation of \$75,000 for furtherance of the exposition.

We have on the statute books of this legislature a bill to create a regiment of colored soldiers in this state, and if we are to believe the reports of the newspapers the most brilliant speech made in defense of this bill was made by the Hon. Harry W. Bass, our representative.

But not only in this did he do his race credit, but also in the defeat of the bill which was proposed to humiliate our people by passing a law against racial intermarriage, upon the inference that colored people were anxious to marry white people. The speech which Mr. Bass made in this connection has already been given to the world and was the most effective in the defeat of this bill.

CHANCE FOR YOUNG WOMEN AT A NEW YORK HOSPITAL

Lincoln Opens Four Course Training
School For Nursery Maids.

The Lincoln hospital in New York opened on July 1 a training school for nursery maids. A large number matriculated for the various branches of the art and were selected by the faculty and assigned to courses according to their fitness and personal choice.

Young women desiring to prepare themselves for special work in any of the branches taught at the institution should communicate with the Walton kindergarten at 202 West Sixty-third street, New York, or with the Harlem branch of the National League on Urban Conditions at 127 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street. Preparation along the lines indicated in the nurses' training course means much to our young women and girls when it comes to the problem of earning a livelihood.

The course of study is to include, first, hospital training in infant feeding, bathing and hygiene of skin, nursery and health; second, kindergarten training, including drawing, painting, basketry, paper work and sand and clay construction; third, child study, including infancy instincts, interest, habits, punishments, work and play and moral lessons; fourth, household arts, including cooking, laundry work and mending.

ESTATE OF WEALTHY WOMAN

Individuals and Race Institutions Benefit by Will of Ellen Collins.

Under the will of the late Ellen Collins of New York the following persons and institutions are beneficiaries: Dr. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington, \$5,000 each; one-half of the residuary estate, amounting to \$14,929, was left to the Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute For Colored People, Snow Hill, Ala., and \$4,000 apiece to the president of the institute, William Edwards, and his wife, Susie Edwards.

Other charitable bequests included \$5,000 to the New York Colored mission, \$24,929 to the New York Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, \$1,500 to the Seamen's Friend society, \$1,000 apiece to the Lincoln hospital and home, the New York Bible society and the Peace league of New York and \$5,000 to Lebanon hospital (department for the insane) at Beirut, Syria. The estate was recently appraised at \$205,071.

New Jersey Sunday School Convention.

The annual meeting of the New Jersey state Sunday school and Baptist Young Peoples' convention will be held in the Union Baptist church, Orange, N. J., for two days beginning on Wednesday morning, July 23. Delegates and visitors are expected in large numbers from every section of the state. Among the out of town visitors who will participate in the proceedings will be representatives from the New England Baptist Sunday school convention including the president, N. B. Dodson, who will deliver an address at the session on Thursday evening, July 24.

BUSINESS PUSH IN BALTIMORE

How the Needs of the People
Are Being Met.

RESULTS OF CO-OPERATION

Undue Discrimination Against Afro-Americans, Together With the Increased Economic Progress of the Race, Creates Demand For First Class Accommodation For the Public.

Baltimore.—Recognizing the fact that the overwhelming majority of hotels and restaurants in every section of the United States will not give the Afro-American traveling public any accommodations whatever and that there is a demand from the race for such first class accommodations, a few Afro-Americans here with means and courage are attempting to meet this necessity.

Here and there around the country are places a traveler may stay for a brief period and find the best of surroundings as well as service. Baltimore is probably the one community that stands in the forefront in this regard. It has several hostilities run by the race, and each has been built within the past six years to accommodate the needs of the local and traveling public.

The most recent of these places is one owned and run by Thomas R. and Wallace L. Smith on Druid Hill avenue, in this city, right in the vicinity of the best colored residential section. Natives of the city and still in their early forties, the Messrs. Smith conducted separate establishments for the ten years previous to the past spring, when they decided to combine.

The result is the property of Wallace L. Smith and the adjoining property were improved at a cost of \$23,000. When the place was thrown open to the public in October, 1912, patrons were greeted by what is said to be the finest place of its kind east of the Mis-



SMITH'S HOTEL.

issippi river. Since its opening some of the most prominent men of the race visiting here have been guests, and each has been lavish in his praise of the excellent service.

Smith's hotel has a frontage of forty-nine feet on Druid Hill avenue and extends back ninety feet to a small street. It has seventeen separate bedrooms, a large dining room, kitchen, ladies' parlor, lobby for men, rathskeller, numerous baths and one of the handsomest buffets in the country, fitted with electric lights, beautifully decorated walls and a tiled floor. Prompt and polite service greets the patrons, and they are numbered by the thousands in course of a month.

As Thomas Smith expresses it: "The public is entitled to first class hotel accommodations in an atmosphere where a man need not be afraid to take his family, and we have tried to give the public what has long been desired. Inferior accommodations in bad surroundings will no longer be tolerated, and you must give the public that which they are able to pay for."

A few weeks ago the proprietors of this establishment were tendered a complimentary reception by leading citizens. Men in all walks of life attended, including prominent persons from other cities. The toasts were one continual round of praise for the men whose enterprise had given to Maryland what is probably the finest hotel owned absolutely and conducted by men of the race. Several of the speakers also referred to the fact that every dollar of the cost of the improvements had been paid. Thomas R. Smith is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and Wallace L. Smith is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

Odd Fellows Start Financial Campaign

The Odd Fellows' Hall association in Pittsburgh has commenced a big financial campaign for the purpose of raising \$3,000 to pay off the second mortgage on its property due early in November. The fraternity membership has been quartered off in groups. Each individual member is pledged to raise a certain amount. The house-holds of the order have pledged their co-operation, and the movement is being pushed with vigor and enthusiasm. Among the members of the campaign committee who are directing the force of workers are Samuel A. Dobbin, James S. Patton and John P. Hayden.

SOUTH IMPRESSES TYLER.

Business League Organizer Says Race's Progress Greatly Inspires Him.

Greenwood, Ala.—What I have seen in the way of material progress among the colored people on this my first trip into the south has been a revelation and an inspiration, said the former auditor for the navy department, Ralph W. Tyler, now national organizer for the National Negro Business league. I have been greatly impressed, contrary to my early teaching and belief, with the fact that for the average Negro the south offers the best assurance of steady employment unhampered by labor unions and that for the Negro above the average the south offers the best opportunity for the accumulation of wealth.

It is true that race discrimination is overhasty down here; that some rights are restricted and many privileges denied. I do not for a moment condone this restriction of rights or excuse this denial of privileges. Both constitute a blot on the pages of American history. However, I recall that in many of the boasted free cities of the north certain rights are but begrudgingly granted, many privileges are denied, labor is scarce for the Negro, and accumulation of wealth is practically a white man's monopoly. We enjoy some rights and a few privileges up there which our brothers in the south are denied. They enjoy a monopoly of labor and an unrestricted opportunity to accumulate wealth down here which we are denied in the north.

In Macon county, through which I rode, I saw 61,000 acres of farm land owned in fee simple by Negroes. There being 23,000 Negroes in this county, this is an average of nearly three acres per capita. What wonderful progress in fifty years! What a quick advance from poverty to affluence! In the adjoining county of Tallapoosa I viewed 25,000 acres owned and under cultivation by Negroes—more than two acres per capita for Tallapoosa county. I saw stores in this black belt for size, largeness and quality of stock the Negroes of no northern city can equal.

I have frequently heard of individual Negroes who were reputed to own a thousand acres of land or more, but I regarded such statements, with the usual northern pessimistic appraisal, as but a myth—as the fanciful creation of the wrongly accused "apologist." On this eighty mile automobile trip I actually met and talked with at least five Negroes—Warren Logan, C. J. Calloway, A. I. Wilborn, E. H. Gamlin and one other whose name has slipped me—each of whom owned a thousand or more acres of rich farm land, with many acres of cotton, corn and grain. As I looked upon the scene I thought of thousands of my race in the north with greater privileges but less land and fewer houses, and I regretfully, almost reproachfully, recalled the lines, "Leon hath a thousand acres, not a penny I."

I was in four stores owned by Negroes in this belt, two of which had upon their shelves not less than \$5,000 and \$8,000 worth of stock. And I was greatly impressed with the race loyalty existing down here, with the almost clanish spirit which impels Negroes to go long distances just in order to patronize Negro merchants. In Macon county A. J. Wilborn owns a two story brick building, in which is located his store with its grocery and notion stock that will approximate \$5,000.

E. H. Gamlin, in the same county, but about two miles removed, owns a store equal in size, carrying a stock of fully \$8,000 valuation, ranging all the way from a hairpin and a pound of salt to footwear, bedwear and dainty lingerie for women. In both of these stores the stock is paid for, the pretty modern, commodious homes of the proprietors standing near rest under no mortgage, and beyond the little towns in which they live and do business a thousand acres of crop filled land bring in a splendid revenue.

SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR.

Friends of Composer of International
Fame Honor His Memory.

According to the London Evening Standard, a stone has been erected at Bandon Hill cemetery, Croydon, over the grave of Mr. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, the world famed Anglo-African composer, with the following inscription, written by Mr. Alfred Noyes:

"In memory of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, who died on Sept. 1, 1912, at the age of thirty-seven, bequeathing to the world a heritage of an undying beauty. His music lives. It was his own and drawn from vital fountains. It pulsed with his own life, but now it is his immortality. He lives while music lives. Too young to die, his great simplicity, his happy courage in an alien world, his gentleness, made all that knew him love him."

"Sleep, crowned with fame, fearless of change or time."

"Sleep, like remembered music in the soul."

"Sleep, immortal, while our discords climb To that great chord which shall resolve the whole."

"Sleep, with Mozart, on that solemn shore: Secure where neither waves nor hearts can break."

"Sleep, till the Master of the world once more."

"Touch the remembered strings and bid thee wake."

High Honor For Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois.

The Silver Aid association in Pittsburgh is an organization of wives of ministers and has for its object mutual help to its members and the cultivation of social friendliness. At a recent meeting the association decided to read as a study the works of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of the Crisis Magazine and director of the bureau of publicity for the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People.

STUDENT OF THE MASTERS.

Ithaca Conservatory of Music Graduates Worthy Young Woman.

Miss Elander Viola Thomas, the daughter of Dr. I. L. Thomas of Baltimore, graduated in public school music recently at the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, Ithaca, N. Y. For four years she was a student at the Ithaca conservatory and during that period took a course in piano, voice and public school music. She made public school music a specialty during her senior year and graduated from the conservatory with high honors, being regarded by the faculty and graduating class as the best teacher of music in the class of 1913.

Miss Thomas occupies the unique distinction of being the only colored student of the 1913 class. She became a general favorite both in the Ithaca community and the conservatory, principally on account of her dignified bearing and deportment. The course in public school music completed by Miss Thomas and required by the conservatory, is the course endorsed by the state of New York.

Dr. Fisher, the pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church of Ithaca, the only col-



MISS E. VIOLA THOMAS.

ored Methodist church there, speaks of Miss Thomas and her accomplishments in glowing terms, stating that she became indispensable in the work of his church while a resident of Ithaca; that she directed his church choir and Sunday school music with great ability, and that her service as a teacher in the Sunday school and her example were worthy of emulation by any young Christian woman.

She received many tokens of esteem from her friends in Ithaca and elsewhere upon the occasion of her graduation in June, and it is the consensus of opinion that she bids fair to make her mark in the musical world.

Miss Thomas' work was also highly praised by her instructors. She received her academic training at Morgan college in Baltimore. Her father is an assistant field secretary of the board of home missions and church extension of the M. E. church. Miss Thomas is a brother of James S. Thomas, who is making a fine record as instructor of German in Howard university, Washington.

IMPORTANT COMING EVENT FOR THE BAPTIST FAMILY.

National Convention and Exhibition to
Be Held in Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville, Tenn.—Byman auditorium, one of the largest in the south, and Greenwood park, by far the most well known city park in the United States owned by Afro-Americans, have been selected as the places for holding the meetings of the national Baptist convention and carrying out the exhibition that is to be held in connection therewith to observe fifty years of freedom. These two places have been secured by the local committee and placed at the disposal of the executive committee of the national Baptist convention and the promoters of the exposition.

The local ministers unanimously accepted these places for the two respective occasions at a meeting of the city ministers' conference held here recently, but the official transmission of their action was made known to the president of the convention July 10. Ryman auditorium, formerly called Gospel tabernacle, which will be the scene of the principal gatherings of the Baptist family, seats 6,000 people. It consists of a main auditorium and a gallery.

The gallery is famous because it was built and dedicated to the "gallant Confederacy." The building was erected at the enormous cost of about \$100,000, it having been built expressly for the late Samuel Jones, the noted evangelist who had traveled throughout the United States. It is situated on Fifth avenue, north, one block from Broadway and one block from Church street. It can be reached on eight different car lines. Greenwood park comes into prominence because of the fact that it is the most exclusive and largest park of its kind in the United States. It is the property of an ex-slave and an ex-Union soldier. It consists of forty acres, with all modern conveniences, such as an auditorium, a clubhouse, band stands, exhibition halls, with a separate athletic field and a mammoth grand stand. Numerous shade trees, natural springs and a small zoo are to be found on these grounds. The park is reached by trolley car and is the one place where Nashville people resort during the hot days. It is said to be worth \$200,000.

VIRGINIA WOMEN IN UPLIFT WORK

Hold Thirteenth Annual Con-
vention in Richmond.

WELCOMED BY DR. FREEMAN

Reports of Influential State Organization of Baptist Women Engaged in Missionary and Educational Work Show Receipts of \$4,476.50—Large Delegations Were Present.

Richmond, Va.—A review of the work of the Women's Baptist Missionary and Educational convention, which held its thirteenth annual meeting in the historic First Baptist church, in this city, shows fine results. The convention was the guest of the women's circle of the above named church, of which the Rev. Dr. W. T. Johnson is pastor. The president of the circle is Mrs. M. E. Holmes, who is capable and energetic.

The sessions were presided over by the president, Mrs. M. E. Johnson, who greeted the large assemblage with well chosen words which were both timely and inspiring. Owing to the illness of his excellency Governor William Hodges Mann and the absence of Mayor George Ainslie from the city, the address of welcome on behalf of the state was delivered by Dr. Douglas Freeman, director of publicity for the state board of health. Dr. Freeman's address was highly inspiring and filled with words of good cheer and praise for the excellent work which the convention is doing.

After the appointment of the various committees the president read her annual address, which was listened to with spellbound attention. She first spoke of the many reasons for thankfulness, of the organization of the association in this city thirteen years ago and of the work that has been accomplished during the past thirteen years.

Mrs. Johnson then gave a glowing account of the work of the present year. It was clearly seen that the president had worked arduously, visiting nearly every district and organizing many new circles. She, having kept in touch with all the officers, could relate what was going on and what had been accomplished in each section.

Her address was excellent, rich and rare and filled with good thoughts and suggestions which gave great encouragement to the entire audience. Many were the compliments and words of commendation bestowed upon her.

The evening session of the first day was given over to addresses of welcome by the pastor and the various organizations of the church—viz, the Missionary and Educational circle, deacon board, usher board, B. Y. P. U. of Christian Endeavor society, Y. P. C. association, W. C. T. U., First Baptist Church Journal, the Church Aid society, the Sunday school, the choir and the Helping Hand club.

The welcome addresses were responded to by Mrs. A. E. Buford, Mrs. Mebane and Mrs. Cora B. Murray. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Collins of Franktown, Va. Mrs. M. E. White read a fine paper on "The Joy of True Service." Splendid addresses on education were delivered by Dr. H. L. Baroo and Dr. W. T. Johnson, who spoke well of the work being done in the various schools.

The schools in the different districts were represented by addresses delivered by Dr. A. A. Graham, Dr. G. Read, Dr. F. W. Williams, Rev. P. J. Wallace, Professor Robinson, Rev. B. Terrell, Miss Rosa Gains, Dr. G. R. Hovey and Miss Carrie V. Dyer. Rev. William Thomas, the returned missionary from Africa, was present during the convention and delivered a very interesting address, giving an account of his labors among the heathen. Mrs. J. H. Randolph, president of the Women's auxiliary of the Lott Carey foreign mission convention, spoke in the interest of her work.

The amount of \$2,227.16 was raised at this session and \$2,249.34 raised during the year, making a total of \$4,476.50 for the year's work.

The officers for the ensuing year were installed by Dr. J. R. Jones: President, Mrs. M. E. Johnson; first vice president, Mrs. M. G. Goode; second vice president, Mrs. L. G. King; third vice president, Mrs. Ella Mercer; fourth vice president, Mrs. Julia Patterson; recording secretary, Mrs. A. E. Read; statistician, Mrs. Ora B. Stokes; chairman of executive board, Mrs. M. E. Holmes; chairman of central district, Mrs. A. E. Blackwell; eastern, Mrs. Eliza Wallace; northern, Mrs. M. L. Terry; southwestern, Mrs. M. G. Goode.

California Women's Clubs Meet July 29.

The seventh annual meeting of the California State Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in the Fifteenth Street Methodist church in Oakland for three days, beginning Tuesday morning, July 29, at 10 o'clock. Mrs. E. V. Morley, president of the federation, says that the annual conventions of the organization are great sentiment molders. They teach our people to be judicious, cautious, wise and persistent in all things which make for mutual benefit. Such gatherings also encourage the women of the race to acquire knowledge in literature, art, science, business and the art of home building.